

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 8, 2013  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, M. Gilbert, M. Hart, M. Kirk, A. Marcellino, B. O'Connor, E. Paterson, N. Silander, W. Simpson

**Staff:** M. Capriola, L. Painter, P. Schneider (*Town*), R. Cournoyer (*CSP*), H. Rhynhart (*UCONN*)

**1. Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Hart introduced the new Human Services Director for the Town, Patricia Schneider.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Simpson made the motion, seconded by Silander to adopt the September 10, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership:* Paterson provided a report on the Festival on the Green. Hart provided a Storrs Center construction and leasing update. Commercial leasing for the Royce Circle building is complete. The Price Chopper groundbreaking will be next week. The Planning and Zoning Commission is currently deliberating on the proposed hotel in Storrs Center. The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is holding a public hearing on Educational Playcare on October 17, 2013 at 7pm in Council Chambers.

b. *MCCP:* Armstrong provided a joint update with Cournoyer and O'Connor (see item #4).

**4. Fall Semester Community Policing**

Armstrong, Cournoyer, and O'Connor provided an overview of several topics such as:

- Response to negative off-campus student behavior (educating students about community expectations, joint efforts of Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office and UCONN's Off-Campus Student Services Office). Cournoyer and Armstrong noted that houses that have been visited (by Cournoyer/Armstrong) have not repeated the problematic behavior that prompted the visit.
- Drafting educational materials about local ordinances and community expectations that landlords can use with tenants.
- Fall trend has been large parties in single family homes, not in apartment complexes. Approximately 290 single family homes in Mansfield are rented to UCONN students.
- Update on implementation of the Nuisance Ordinance and citations issued this fall.
- Grant funding that has enabled efforts to reduce underage drinking.
- Success of joint patrols and mutual aid efforts between the UCONN Police Department and the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office.
- The new apartments in Storrs Center, Oaks on the Square, have been quiet and very well managed.

A future agenda item was flagged: UCONN efforts to educate students and parents about off-campus expectations.

**5. Committee Membership**

Kirk and Hart submitted a draft (revised) MOA regarding membership for review and discussion. The Committee agreed to add the Resident Trooper Sergeant as a voting member of the Committee. This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

**6. Other Business Announcements**

None.

**7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

Kathy Usher, Meadowood Road. Ms. Usher thanked Hart, Cournoyer, and Armstrong for their efforts in responding to and resolving issues in their neighborhood related to negative off-campus student behavior.

**7. Adjournment**

Silander made the motion, seconded by Hart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.  
Assistant Town Manager, Town of Mansfield